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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, March 25, 2015                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, March 18, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 81:

SB 81            (Brandenburg)      Property tax; principal residence exemption; eligibility to claim exemption on certain homes in foreclosure claimed by certain foreclosing entities; eliminate requirement to pay amount equivalent to school operating mills.

Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors, submitted a testimony card in support of SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Jerry Johnson, representing, Genesee Intermediate School District, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Howrylak offered substitute (H-1) to SB 81.

Representative Howrylak moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 81.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-10-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Howrylak, Clemente, and LaVoy.

NAYS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, and Byrd.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 81, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 11-2-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Howrylak and Townsend.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4173:

HB 4173 (Maturen) Taxation; state real estate transfer; refunds and exemptions of real estate transfer tax; modify.

The Chair introduced Representative Maturen, and Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors, to speak to HB 4173.

Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4173, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4064:

HB 4064 (Yanez) Individual income tax; veterans; property tax credit; increase for certain qualified veterans.

The Chair introduced Robert Becker, representing Representative Yanez, to explain HB 4064.

Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified with no position on HB 4064.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card with no position on HB 4064.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:55 a.m.

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Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
March 25, 2015  
25 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed